

**441—106.8 (237C) Protection from mistreatment, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect.**

**106.8(1)** The state of Iowa prohibits child abuse as defined in Iowa Code chapter 232, criminal assault, and other criminal acts of violence. A children's residential facility shall not use discipline that amounts to child abuse or a criminal act of assault or violence.

**106.8(2)** A children's residential facility's written policies shall:

- a.* Prohibit mistreatment, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect of children.
- b.* Specify reporting and enforcement procedures for the children's residential facility. Alleged violations shall be reported immediately to the director of the facility and appropriate department of human services personnel.
- c.* Prohibit the use of corporal punishment. The facility's policies shall clearly prohibit staff or the children from utilizing corporal punishment as a method of discipline or correcting children.
- d.* These policies shall be communicated in writing to all staff of the facility.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 237C.3.

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